Evaluation of MTNL, HPCL and BPCL

1489. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of disinvest MTNL, HPCL and BPCL;

(b) whether Government have made evaluations of these public sector undertakings;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the names of the other public sector undertakings likely to be disinvested, particularly PSUs in the State of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): Disinvestment in Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) is a continuous process. As a part of the process, Government keeps considering proposals for disinvestment in various Public Sector Undertakings from time to time. The proposals are considered through Inter-Ministerial consultation and final decisions are taken. No decision has been taken in respect of disinvestment of MTNL. In the case of BPCL and HPCL, Government has decided 'in principle' to disinvest in BPCL and HPCL.

(b) and (c) At the time of disinvestment, valuation of the concerned PSU is done through various methodologies so as to arrive at a reserve price.

(d) At present, action is being taken on disinvestment by the Ministry of Disinvestment in 30 Public Sector Undertakings/ subsidiaries of Public Sector Undertakings. IPCL, a PSU in the State of Gujarat, is one such PSU in which Government is presently undertaking the disinvestment exercise.

Divesting of SCI

1490. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of a downswing in the shipping